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Warwick Historic District Commission

Warwick City Hall

3275 Post Road

Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 17, 2009

6:00 pm

**City Hall Annex – Department of City Plan
Conference Room**

AGENDA

Call to order

Petition # 09-381-1-3, 5-8, 72

Alterations to existing stone wall

The Cottages at Aldrich

Warwick Neck Avenue

Alterations to previous approval proposed in response to comments from the Warwick Fire Department for life safety reasons.

Comment:

The Warwick Fire Marshall has stipulated that the Petitioner increase the size of the driveway opening from the approved 18' to 22' for equipment access. Since this is a life safety issue, the Planning Department has no objections.

Petition # 09-246-231

Commercial, Big Bites Pizza

1 Centerville Road

Apponaug Village

Install new signage on existing canopy structure. The sign will not be internally illuminated.

Comment:

This building is not a contributing structure but is at an intersection that is considered to be the gateway to the Warwick Civic Center National Register district and to the Apponaug Village Historic District as a whole.

This sign has been recovered several times and each time it has clearly been stated by the Commission that there is to be no internal illumination.

The Planning Department has no objection to this Petition with the following stipulations:

- 1) That the Petitioner remove the unauthorized, existing canopy lighting prior to the installation of any new signage.**
- 2) That the Petitioner submit a sample of any proposed lighting to the Commission, prior to installation.**

Petition # 09-292-515

Residence, single family

36 Post Road

Pawtuxet Village

Remove single door and replace with a wood, double French door, 15 lights each and construct a new 12'x 16' wood deck in the corner of the building.

Comment:

This building is considered to be a contributing structure within the District. The Petitioner has received a letter from the Planning Department for the construction of the deck, which is considered to be a temporary structure. Since this elevation is not visible, the Planning Department has no objections to the installation of the glass door, single or double.

Petition # 09-274-180, 204

Pontiac Mill/Happy Mill LLC

334 Knight Street

Pontiac Village

Demolition of Building #3 and renewal of expired approval for the demolition of Buildings 5, 4A, 6, 7, 8 8A, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 & 31.

Comment:

Because of the scope of the demolition, the potential impact on the National Register standing and forfeiture of an existing Planning Board approval of a Major Land Development Project, the Planning Department makes the following recommendations:

- 1) The Petitioner shall provide the Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission the opportunity to inspect the property and assess the engineer's findings to ascertain whether the deterioration is localized or more pervasive.**
- 2) The Petitioner shall meet with members of the Pontiac Village Association to inform the community and allow the evaluation of the impact of the potential demolition on the surrounding neighborhood.**
- 3) The Petitioner shall provide proof that all members of the condo association have been notified of the intent to demolition and the scope of the demolition.**
- 4) The Petitioner shall provide a comparison of the cost to demolish Building #3, verses the cost to secure the building.**
- 5) The Petitioner shall provide plans regarding the intended reuse of this space, if the demolition is approved.**
- 6) The Planning Departments recommends continuing any action on this Petition until the above stipulations are met.**

Petition # 09-245-XXX

Various residential properties within Apponaug Village

(Please refer to map)

National Grid, gas meter installations

Apponaug Village

National Grid is making infrastructure upgrades which involve changing and installing new meters on approximately 100 residential properties within the Apponaug Historic District.

Comment:

In January 2009, legislation was introduced, and subsequently passed, by the State Legislature requiring any installation of gas regulators or gas meters on properties located within any Historic District to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission of the City. In response to this legislation, the Planning Department makes the following recommendations:

1) That National Grid shall locate the regulator or meter on the least visible elevation of the building, with the consent of the property owner. A copy of the consent form shall be filed with the Warwick Planning Department.

2) That the Commission make a motion that if the above stipulations are met, National Grid does not need to file separate Petitions for each applicant and can proceed under one Certificate of Appropriateness for the effected properties within the Apponaug Village District.

3) If the meter must be located on the front elevation, National Grid

shall appear before the full Commission for review of the proposed location.

4) Any meter located on the front of a building must be screened as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Other Business

**Review and approval of minutes from the July 23, 2009 meeting.
The August 20, 2009 meeting was cancelled.**

Adjourn